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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE ON PRC GOOD-WILL DELEGATION VISIT TO
MONROVIA

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1. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE FEBRUARY 15
VISIT OF A PRC GOOD-WILL DELEGATION TO MONROVIA WAS ISSUED BY THE
OFFICIAL GOL NEWS SERVICE FEBRUARY 16:

2. BEGIN TEXT: CHINESE GOODWILL DELEGATION ARRIVES IN LIBERIA TO HOLD
TALKS WITH LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

MONROVIA: AN EIGHT-MAN CHINESE GOODWILL DELEGATION FROM THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FROM SIERRA LEONE
FOR TALKS WITH LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON BILATERAL COOPERATION.

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THE DELEGATION, HEADED BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE
TSUNG KE-WEN, IS EXPECTED TO BE HERE FOR A WEEK.

UPON ARRIVAL AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE DELE-
GATION WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, REPRESENTATIVE A.B. TOLBERT; AGRICULTURE MINISTER
LOUIS RUSS; FORMER LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO GHANA, G. FLAMA

SHERMAN AND OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AND AGRICULTURE
MINISTRIES.

THE CHINESE GOODWILL DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO CEMENT
THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH BINDS THE TWO PEOPLES AND
GOVERNMENTS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

IN BRIEF REMARKS IN THE V.I.P. LOUNGE AT THE AIRPORT,
REPRESENTATIVE TOLBERT EXPRESSED HAPPINESS THAT THE
DELEGATION HAS ARRIVED AND HOPED THAT THEIR STAY HERE WILL
BE REWARDING AND CONSTRUCTIVE. HE PAID SPECIAL HOMAGE
TO CHAIRMAN HUA-FENG AND ALL THOSE WHO MADE THEIR VISIT
SUCCESSFUL DURING THEIR ONE WEEK STAY IN THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

RESPONDING, THE LEADER OF THE CHINESE GOODWILL DELEGATION,
MR. KE-WEN, THANKED MR. TOLBERT FOR THE KIND WORDS SAID
ABOUT HIS GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

MR. WEN PRAISED CHAIRMAN TOLBERT AND AGRICULTURE
MINISTER RUSS FOR LAYING THE GROUND WORK WHICH, HE SAID,
HAS CULMINATED IN THE EXCHANGE OF GOODWILL DELEGATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT CHAIRMAN A.B. TOLBERT LED A
12-MAN LIBERIAN GOODWILL DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA FROM JANUARY 6 TO 12 THIS YEAR.

WHILE IN THE CHINESE CAPITAL OF PEKING, CHAIRMAN A.B.
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TOLBERT HELD TALKS WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER
HUANG HUA ON WAYS OF DEVELOPING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES AND ESTABLISHING BILATERAL, ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL COOPERATIONS. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: THUS FAR THE EMBASSY CAN ONLY ADD, FROM ITS
OWN SOURCES, THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS AND AGRICULTURE
MINISTER RUSS AND PERHAPS OTHERS MET WITH THE CHINESE
DELEGATION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY
15. THAT EVENING THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY GAVE A
DINNER FOR THE DELEGATION AT THE DUCOR HOTEL. THE GUEST
LIST NUMBERED ABOUT 40. THERE WAS AN OFFICIAL BREAKFAST
ON FEBRUARY 16 AS WELL AT THE DUCOR. RUMORS AT THE HOTEL
INCLUDE SPECULATION THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION
WILL REMAIN ON A MORE-OR-LESS PERMANENT BASIS.
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